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DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY UTAH DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY PUBLIC NOTICE OF CHEVRON PIPE LINE COMPANY'S REQUEST TO STOP MONITORING RED BUTTE CREEK

PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE

The purpose of this public notice is to solicit public comments on Chevron Pipe Line Company's request to cease monitoring of Red Butte Creek in Salt Lake City.

BACKGROUND

A pipe line owned by Chevron Pipe Line Company (CPL) spilled crude oil into Red Butte Creek in [2010](#). After the cleanup was complete, CPL was required to continue monitoring Red Butte Creek until at least 2015. Three specific purposes for the monitoring are identified in the [Decision Document](#): 1) confirm the [human health risk assessment](#) conclusions that hydrocarbon residues won't harm people recreating in the creek, 2) verify that the hydrocarbon concentrations in Red Butte Creek are similar to other Salt Lake creeks that were not impacted by the spills, and 3) monitor the macroinvertebrate community recovery.

CPL has submitted a [request](#) to the Division of Water Quality (DWQ) to stop this monitoring. The request is supported by the [2016 Red Butte Creek Risk Characterization Report](#): Data Summary and Comparison to the [2011 Human Health Risk Assessment \(HHRA\)](#) and [2012 Screening Level Ecological Risk Assessment \(SLERA\)](#), [Appendices](#) and data spreadsheets.

After the public comments are reviewed, the DWQ will act on CPL's request for cessation for monitoring. If the action is that monitoring of Red Butte Creek is no longer warranted, DWQ anticipates that CPL will request that the Notice of Violation be closed because all of the requirements have been met. CPL will continue to be responsible should additional contamination from the spill be found in the future.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments are invited any time prior to the deadline of the close of business on July 27, 2016. Written public comments can be submitted to: Chris Bittner, Utah Division of Water Quality, P.O. Box 144870, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-4870 or by email at: cbittner@utah.gov. After considering public comment the Utah Division of Water Quality will finalize the study plan. The request and supporting documents are available for public review under <http://www.deq.utah.gov/NewsNotices/notices/water/index.htm>. If internet access is not available, a copy may be obtained by calling Chris Bittner at 801-536-4371.